



THE FORTRESS

THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BARONY OF CAERTHE

UNTO THE POPULACE OF THE GREAT BARONY OF CAERTHE, DO DOMENICO AND MARIA,
BARONE E BARONESSA DI CAERTHE SEND GREETINGS,



As the snow falls and the days get darker, Domenico and I have been travelling throughout this Mighty Kingdom to celebrate with Our Cousins another year full of successes, great friends, and the bounties of our harvests. So far, we have enjoyed the hospitality of our cousins to the north and south, attending two wonderful Midwinter events in Caer Galen and al-Barran. We were also happy to share that same hospitality during Our Twelfth Night celebration.

We do not plan on slowing down any time soon! With a new year beginning, The Baron and I have many more events planned before feasting season comes to a close: Citadel Twelfth Night, Candlemas in Platfordham and Dragonspine, and Viking Vinter Vunderlandt in Aarquelle. Round that out with Tri-Baronial Arts & Sciences Competition on February 2nd hosted by Windkeep. During this event, Caerthe, joining with our cousins from Caer Galen and Unser Hafen, will be selecting our new baronial A&S Champion, so we encourage all to enter! Please see the rules on the event site.

The Outlands is also preparing for Estrella War! Come and support our Kingdom in the external conflict against the Kingdom of Atenveldt. If you are attending and would like to camp with Caerthe, please contact Baroness Maria. Also, if you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Lady Winter.

As always, we are still looking for award recommendations, so please send us your submissions! For a list of our awards or to recommend someone, you can visit our baronial Webpage (<https://caerthe-sca.org/awards>) and click the "Recommend Someone" button.

We would also like to thank our outgoing seneschal, Mistress Jeanne-Marie duBios! It is because of her hard work, that our Barony has seen some great successes in policy development and organization. We would also like to welcome our incoming seneschal, The Honorable Lord Reynhard von Reutte. We are looking forward to working with him and growing even more!

We hope you enjoy this next issue of our wonderful Fortress Newsletter. Go forth and read the words from Our Barony!

Ever in Service to the Dream,

Domenico e Maria

Barone e Baronessa di Caerthe

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BARONY OF CAERTHE CHAMPIONS!

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Crossbow Warder:	Master Daffyd of Emmett	Blade of Chivalry:	Lady Aurelia
Equestrian Champion:	Lady Marisse do Bourgogne	Cut & Thrust:	Mistress Gwencat
Thrown Weapons:	Lord Sigeric Flein Ox	Warlord:	Sir Iohann der Vuhs
Blackthorn Bard:	Lady Isabel la Biche d'Hiver		

BARONIAL PROGRESS:	EVENTS CALENDAR:
1/12/2019 <u>Caerthe 12th Night- Middle Eastern Oasis & Hafla</u> Barony of Caerthe (D&M) 1/12/2019 <u>Citadel Twelfth Night</u> Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass (D&M) 1/19/2019 <u>Viking Vinter Vunderlandt</u> Barony of Aarquelle (M) 1/19/2019 <u>Candlemas</u> Shire of Plattefordham (D) 1/26/2019 <u>Candlemas</u> Barony of Dragonspine (D&M) 2/2/2019 <u>Tribarionial A&S</u> Windkeep (D&M) 3/9/2019 <u>Crown Thouney South*</u> *location TBD (D&M) 4/6 - 4/7/2019 <u>Golden Thimble</u> Caerthe (D&M)	All Kingdom Events may be found here! https://www.outlands.org/events Business Meetings: 6:30pm - 8:30pm: 1st Monday rotating schedule: Hacienda Colorado Please check Facebook for location. https://www.facebook.com/caerthe.sca/ Fighter Practice: 6:00pm - 9:00pm: Thursday Ragni Lighting, 14175 E 42nd Ave., Denver (back row of warehouses) Archery Practices: 6:30pm - 9:30pm: Monday No Limits Archery, 3050 E 78th Ave, Denver 6:30pm - 9:00pm: Tuesday Rocky Mountain Specialty Gear, 4298 Kipling St B, Wheat Ridge 9:00am-12:00pm: Sunday Scout Park, 132 E 112th Pl, Northglenn Indoor site: Empty Quiver Archery, 7180 W. 117th Ave., Unit C, Broomfield Hosted Gatherings - Guilds & Populace Social links: Apothecary Guild https://tinyurl.com/caerthe-apothecary Caerthe Cavalry https://www.facebook.com/groups/CaertheCavalry Children's Guild https://tinyurl.com/caerthe-children-guild Cooks Guild https://tinyurl.com/caerthe-cooks-guild Jeweler's Guild https://www.facebook.com/groups/JewelersGuildofCaerthe Outlands Archery and Thrown Weapons https://tinyurl.com/outlands-archery Scribe's Guild https://tinyurl.com/caerthe-scribes-guild Scola Metallorum https://www.facebook.com/ScolaMetallorum/ Canton of Ravenhyrst https://www.facebook.com/ravenhyrst Canton of Hawks Hallow https://www.facebook.com/HawksHollowSCA

BARONIAL REPORT: THE SENESCHAL

GREETINGS CAERTHE,

It has been my honor to work for you as your Seneschal for my short time, but I am even more delighted to let you all know that The Honorable Lord Reynhard von Reutte will be stepping into this position. His years of love and hard work for the barony will shine through as he rings in the new year in this position.

Volunteers are what keeps the SCA moving forward. Please join us at Baronial business meeting if you are curious as to where there are places that you might be willing to assist your Barony or Canton. From running events to being an officer or just learning about how the behind scenes of the SCA work, this is the place to find opportunities.

In Service,

Jeanne-Marie Dubois

Caerthe Seneschal - seneschal@caerthe-sca.org

BARONIAL REPORT: THEIR EXCELLENCIES



GREETINGS CAERTHE,

Please join us in welcoming our shiny new seneschal, The Honorable Lord Reynhard von Reutte! Long-time Caerthen, first time Baronial Seneschal, Reynhard has been in Caerthe since A.S. XXXVIII (2003 CE) and has experience both in serving the society and autocratting many events. He has previously held offices in the Canton of Ravenhyrst as Seneschal and Financial Committee Chair, as well as been the Deputy Seneschal for the Barony (twice). He also holds a Stag of the Outlands, and a Gilded Leaf, Aspen, and Sable Lion of Caerthe, among other awards.

Reynhard is in the process of a persona shift toward 1450s Ukrainian. His favorite color is purple (though it is closely followed by black and gold) and his favorite animal is the dragon. Rey's biggest love (and we love him for it) in the SCA besides service, is cooking. If you have not had a feast where he was the feast steward, you should definitely come to the next one! Look for his full bio in the March issue of the Fortress! – **Domenico and Maria**



GREETINGS UNTO THE POPULACE OF CAERTHE!

Last summer, Don Iago and I travelled outside of the Kingdom of the Outlands to the Kingdom of Calontir for their Lillies War. This was the first time either of us had attended Lillies or any event in Calontir. Tales of the Calontiri hospitality have spread through the Outlands and we decided we had to see for ourselves. The tales are not unfounded.



Despite the heat, humidity, and a moderate amount of bugs, we both had an amazing time. The Outlands attendance was small but mighty. From Caerthe, Her Excellency Hannah and Lord Antan graciously hosted and fed us in their encampment.

This war was unique in many ways. First of all, the theme of the war was not an external conflict between kingdoms, but an internal “dispute” between the counties and the duchies. The friendly rivalry between the groups made for some silliness and good schtick.

Another difference was that neither of us picked up a rapier the entire time. Calontir’s rapier program is cut-and-thrust only, “Calonsteel” and we do not currently have the authorization. Though, I hear fighting them is fun so I may try next year. Instead of fighting, we spent the war lounging, attending A&S classes, and shooting archery. Some of the highlights:

Period Brewing A&S classes: We met a Master Brewer of Calontir, by the name of Master Cionaodh Mac Cosgraigh who taught two classes on English Dry Cider and Sour Ales, complete with samples that he had made. What a truly talented brewer! There are whispering that Master Cionaodh will be making an appearance at Battlemoor this year, so keep an eye out!

A ride on the Fyrdraca: The Fyrdraca is a four-fifths replica of a Viking Longboat originally built in the single-digit AS years (1970s) that sails on Lake Smithfield during Lilies week. The attending Outlanders got a private ride that Iago and I missed. At least we had the fortune to ride the boat later that weekend. What a great adventure that was! Iago rowed and I got to learn how to tie down the sail. The captain, Richard Wolfwood, was very friendly and full of many amusing quips. It still amazes me that human hands built those ships to sail across oceans.



Archery: Calontir has some incredible longbowmen and women. From the Outlands in addition to the Iago and myself, Master Freana of Unser Hafen participated in the archery activities. Iago and I both completed the 100 arrows shoot and advanced to the finals (him in open hand recurve, me in period bow). Unfortunately, we were both out in 4



rounds but it was a lot of fun. I had the opportunity to shoot next to, but not against, the King of Calontir. All the archers were patient and joyful in teaching us Outlanders their traditions.

A&S Classes: I took more A&S classes at Lilies than I had at all the events in the last year. They

have many talented artisans! I already mentioned the brewing classes, but we also took silk dyeing, fritter making, Norse wire weaving, Kumihimo, and some garb classes. We even came back with some souvenirs in our bags and our bellies that we made with our own hands!

The Great Machine: This 2-story building is assembled on site and contains a giant wheel powered by puppies. That's right, I said "powered by puppies". The gentleman who runs this attraction has 5 or 6 white German Shepherds that he has trained to run on the wheel. The wheel then powers a blacksmith hammer, though I'm not sure what it could do besides break fingers! The true stars of this show are definitely the dogs. They are very well trained and you can tell that they actually like running on the wheel.



Dinner with the coronets of the Lonely Tower: We were hosted one night by Their Excellencies Augustin and Aleit, Baron & Baroness of the Lonely Tower. It was great to get to know some of Domenico's and my "distant cousins".

The Revels! From the Tor party, to the Barony of Three Rivers party, it is clear that Calontiri know how to have a good time! There were fireworks over the lake and afterward, the entire assemblage broke out into song to honor Master Wulfgar, the original "fireworks master". It was beautiful.

I know many Outlanders take the treacherous voyage through mountain and desert to attend Estrella War, but if this is the only out-of-kingdom event you've attended, I would encourage you to attend even more! Every kingdom has different cultural nuances which I hope to explore in a later article.

Just a short drive away, we have Calontir to our west, Artemesia to the east, Northshield to the north, just to name a few. It really helps widen your perspective and deepen your love for this great Society and the people within it. Plus, it gets addicting! So out there and seete the Knowne World!

In Service to The Dream,

Maria

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MAKING A SCROLL FOR THE BARONY

By Marion Forester

Do you want to make a scroll for the barony but have no idea where to start? First of all, a scroll doesn't have to be paint and ink on paper. A scroll can be any medium: metal, wood, leather, fabric, glass, or pottery. Some of the most interesting scrolls I've seen have been boxes, stools, bags, banners, and shields. A paper scroll doesn't even need illumination. A fancy initial using calligraphy or some penwork can make a beautiful scroll.

What's the process? First of all, let the baronial scribe know that you're interested in doing a scroll. Let the baronial scribe know what medium you work in, what styles you know (time period and place), and how to get a hold of you. When the baronial scribe has an assignment they will ask you if you can do a scroll and then tell you what kind of award is to be given out and the recipient's name as well as when the scroll is due. You can look up your recipient on the Wimble herald's website (<http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/>) to find out proper spelling of the name, heraldry, and other awards that the recipient has. You can find the wording and badge for award scrolls by going to the bottom of the table of contents for the Outlands Scribe's Handbook at http://www.scribes.outlands.org/handbook/table_of_contents.html. Look for Baronial Award Texts and then look for Caerthe. Look for ideas for designs in books or online. Pinterest has a lot of links to beautiful period sources. If you are doing just calligraphy or just illumination, find someone to work with and figure out who will do what first. Some calligraphers like to do the calligraphy first, others like to have their work partner do the illumination first.

When laying out a scroll, if you are doing a paper scroll, make sure you allow at least an inch border around the scroll. This will allow for framing and matting and gives a clean feel to the scroll. Draw out your design, preferably with a hard lead pencil using a good eraser to fix mistakes. At this point I like to go over the lines with ink and then erase my pencil lines to clean up the scroll. If you use gold leaf, do it next so that it does not stick to your paint. Most of the time calligraphy will be done next, then illumination, but people have different processes. If you are working with someone else, make sure to allow plenty of time for the other person to do their part. As you work, don't hesitate to ask the baronial scribe questions and let them know how your progress is going. Life happens. If you run into a situation where you no longer feel you have time to do a scroll, let the baronial scribe know as soon as possible. When you complete your scroll, let the baronial scribe know and arrange for delivery to the baron and baroness or the baronial scribe. **Please don't forget to sign the back of your scroll!!!!** Everyone wants to know whose artwork is being given out.

If you don't like deadlines or just can't complete a scroll before the next local event, you can always create a blank scroll. A blank scroll has either the calligraphy or the illumination or both for an award completed, leaving the recipient's name, event, and dates empty. Also, please leave the baron and baroness's names blank so that it can be used after the current baron and baroness have stepped down.

Common questions:

What year Anno Societatis (AS) is it? The AS year starts May 1 and is often the same as the Super Bowl year since the first Super Bowl took place the same year as the birth of the SCA. Currently, it is AS 53 or LIII. Here is a handy chart:
<https://www.sca.org/links/calendar.html>.

What if I don't have supplies? The baronial scribe has about everything you need for a paper scroll: paper, ink, paints, pens, nibs, paintbrushes, and books.

When should a scroll be delivered? If possible, deliver a scroll by the figher's practice before an event so that the baron and baroness can sign the scroll before the event. If early delivery is not possible, make sure the scroll gets to the event when it will be awarded.

I've never done a scroll and am intimidated. We all were a bit hesitant with our first scroll. Come to scribal nights and learn more skills. Work on a blank scroll. Talk to the baronial scribe. Your baronial scribe is not only there to give out assignments, but is also there to encourage you and calm your nerves. Join a Facebook group like Caerthe Scribe's Guild or Outlands Scribes.

A big thank you to all who make scrolls! Your hard work is appreciated.

MEET THE BARONY

The Barony of Caerthe is part of the Kingdom of the Outlands, in the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Barony encompasses the Denver, CO metro area and includes the Canton of Hawks Hallow in the north, the Canton of Ravenhyrst in the southeast and the College of Scola Scola Metallorum at the School of Mines.

MISSIVES FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Her Excellency Maria has been publishing missives and post event write ups that include thanks to the event staff, photos, and much more. You can find the complete archive as well as new content at mcastelana.wordpress.com



THE HONORABLE LADY ISABELLE DE CALAIS

Greetings to the beloved populace of Caerthe!

I am the Honorable Lady Isabelle de Calais. It has been almost a year since I found you after moving here from Ansteorra, and our lovely aspens have begun to feel like home. I've been playing in the SCA since 2007, and in that time I've lived in Artemisia, Atenveldt, Ansteorra, and now the Outlands, and have made friends around the known world through those travels. My real life career has had me move around quite a bit, but I would be content to stay here for quite a while.

The great love of my life is historical costuming, hair, embroidery, and accessories, with a soft spot for the 16th century. When we both lived in Atenveldt, I took an apprentice belt from Mistress Tatiana Verlioni, now residing in the Barony of Wiesenfeuer. Our adventures across the known world have

encouraged me to keep the belt, despite being separated geographically again. When I am not taming textiles, I am serving with our Baronial retinue and trying to learn all the traditions and customs of my new home.

My persona is that of a minor French noblewoman who has gone to Tuscany in service to some of the grand families of the 16th century.

MAGNI DAGFINNRSON

Greetings well met fellows, hail!

I am Magni Dagfinnrson. I was born in mid 9th century Vastergotland, in a settlement near Jotlandshaf. My father was a landowner who lost his life and home to a blood feud, leading me to travel and make my own destiny. I have been playing music since I was gifted a Byzantine flute as an adolescent, and have since also taken up singing and the playing of stringed instruments. I'm no accomplished warrior, though I have every intention of becoming involved with heavy combat and archery. I'm a newcomer to the SCA, though I've lived in Ravenhyrst most of my life. I look forward to all of the new friends and experiences to be had!



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Content submitted to the Fortress must be accompanied by the proper release forms.

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